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PANAMA.

Report from Colon—Inspection of vessels—Sanitary conditions—A case of yellow fever in Panama.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Mohr reports, October 17, as follows:

During the week ended October 15, 1904, the following vessels have cleared for ports in the United States and have been granted bills of health:

British steamship *Craigneuk*, for Norfolk, October 10, with 23 crew and no passengers.

American steamship *Advance*, for New York, October 12, with 63 crew and 97 passengers.

Spanish steamship *Cataluña*, for Ponce, via South American ports, October 12, with 113 crew and 65 passengers.

British steamship *Matador*, for New Orleans, via Mexican ports, October 13, with 35 crew and 1 passenger.

Norwegian steamship *Ellis*, for New Orleans, via Limon, October 13, with 34 crew and no passengers.

During the week ended October 15, 1904, 5 deaths were reported, 3 of which occurred in the week previous, but were not reported promptly. The causes of death given were as follows: Fever, 1; rupture of aneurism, 1; stomach disease, 1; stillbirth, 1; not given, 1.

I have been officially notified by the chief quarantine officer that 1 case of yellow fever was reported in the city of Panama on the 12th instant. No cases have been reported in Colon.

Climatic conditions have continued favorable. Only one heavy shower of rain occurred during the week, and this was followed by strong southerly winds, with a clear sky, which very quickly dried the ground. My hospital reports show only minor troubles and but one case of malarial fever during the week.

Reports from Bocos del Toro, fruit port.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Osterhout reports as follows: Week ended October 14, 1904. Present officially estimated population not obtainable; number of deaths, 5; prevailing disease, malarial fever; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage.
Oct. 9	Taunton	New Orleans.....	25	2	0	7
10	Brewster	Mobile, via Limon.	32	1	0	3
10	Sloop Orient	Colon.....	3	0	(a)
13	Fort Gaines	Mobile.....	22	1	0	2
13	Beacon	do	29	0	0	0

^a Not inspected.

One addition to crew of *Beacon* from this port.

Week ended October 20, 1904. Number of deaths, 2; prevailing diseases, malarial fevers; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

November 4, 1904

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage.
Oct. 15	Herald	Colon.....		60	0	(a)
16	Preston.....	New Orleans, La.....	29	2	0	3
18	Amaze.....	Colon.....		1	0	(a)
20	Fort Morgan	Mobile, Ala.....	23	0	0	0
20	Bradford	New Orleans, La.....	38	1	0	5

^a Not inspected.

(Steamship *Fort Morgan* shipped two extra men on crew from here; certificates inclosed.)

PERU.

Maritime disinfecting service established.

The following is received from the American legation at Lima, under date of September 20:

[Translation.]

LIMA, September 15, 1904.

Whereas the maritime disinfecting service has been established in the ports of Callao and Payta, and whereas it will shortly be established in a similar manner in Ilo, the time has arrived for collecting from the companies owning vessels and from shipowners the value of the articles consumed in the aforesaid service. In the meantime, until the legislative power arranges the tariffs or respective sanitary dues, it is

Resolved, The bureau of public works is charged with the collection of the value of the articles consumed in the disinfection of vessels in the ports of Callao and Payta, and of the services of the staff employed in its use, laying down the rules it may deem most convenient.

Let it be registered, communicated, and published.

BALTA.

Reports from Callao—Inspection of vessels—Plague—Transactions during the month of September, 1904.

Assistant Surgeon Lloyd reports, October 4 and 8, as follows:

Reports for the first fifteen days in September give 5 cases of plague as having occurred in Lima.

In Salaverry and Payta conditions are much improved. In the vicinity of Eten and Pacasmayo cases continue to occur.

The situation in Callao and Lima is practically unchanged.

During the two weeks ended October 1, 1904, eight new cases of plague occurred in Lima and one in Callao (provisional diagnosis).

At this writing, October 8, more than thirty days have elapsed since a case of plague was reported in Salaverry, and twenty-eight days since the last case was reported in Payta. In Eten and Pacasmayo cases are still occurring.

On September 28 the British steamship *Chile* was issued a bill of health after fumigation and inspection. Because this vessel failed to comply with the United States quarantine regulations on the day (advertised) of sailing the bill of health was withheld until the following morning in order to secure this compliance.